

Volume 21 Number 3 The official newsletter of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club **October, 2019**

President's Thoughts

By Vicki Silva

It's officially Fall and that means hockey has finally started. It will be interesting to see how our team comes together this year with a new coach/general manager. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of the rookies from last year and how much they have matured.

We had a really good time at convention last month. Our booster club actually had the largest number of members in attendance. We had some great side trips, a lot of visiting with friends from other clubs and of course games of

LRC. The hospitality room each nite was full of laughs, fun and drinks.

I am looking forward to our road trips which start next month. We always have a great time with a great group of people traveling. If you have not gone on one of our trips, you are missing out.

We have a date for our Meet the Players Banquet, Monday, October, 21. If you are interested in meeting the whole team including the coaches and having to get photographs, autographs from any and all of the players, don't miss it, plus it's a small crowd.

I can't wait until we see the puck drop. The improved arena with the new ribbon board, better WIFI and a larger team store, among

other improvements.

Let's Go Pens!!!

Vicki



Trip Report:

By Stew Thomas

Hockey season is upon us and its time to hit the road. We currently have three trips on sale. The first trip is to Springfield, MA on Saturday, November 2nd. We will board the bus at 11:50AM and depart at 12 noon from the Park and Ride on Route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive in Hartford, CT approximately by 3:30 PM, where we will enjoy a meal at the City Steam Brewery. This is one of our favorite restaurants when traveling in the vicinity of

Hartford, Ct. We will depart from Hartford at 5:30 PM and arrive in Springfield by 6:00 PM. Game time in Springfield is 7:00 PM. We will depart from Springfield immediately following the game and should arrive back in Pittston around 2:00 AM. Cost of the trip is \$90 credit, \$86 if paid in cash or be a check. Final day to sign up and pay for this trip is October 26th.

The second trip currently on sale is a day trip to Hershey, PA on Sunday, December 8th. We will board the bus and depart at 2 PM from the Park and Ride on Route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive in Hershey at approximately 4:00 PM.

Game time in Hershey is 5:00 PM. We will depart for home immediately following the game. We should arrive back in Pittston around 10:00 PM. Cost of the trip is \$70 credit, \$67 if paid by cash or check. Final day to sign up and pay for this trip is November 6th.

The final trip currently on sale is to Newark, NJ to see the Pittsburgh Penguins take on the New Jersey Devils. We will board the bus at 1:15 PM and depart at 1:30 PM from the Park and Ride on route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive in Newark approximately 3:45 PM. This will provide plenty of time to get dinner

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Next Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled guest:

TBA

Wilkes-Barre Township Fire Hall—152 Watson St

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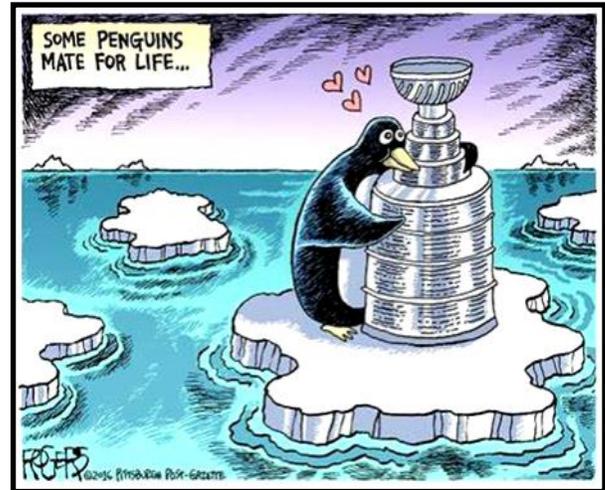
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The Tip of the Iceberg is the official newsletter of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club and is published for web and mail distribution 11 times a year. There is no July newsletter. Articles for each month are due before the **15th** of the previous month. Members should email stories and news to rayyako53@gmail.com for inclusion. **Upon submission you will receive a confirming email.** If you do not receive this, assume your submission was not received. Note: Guests shown are tentative and subject to change. Always consult the Booster Club's Phone **Hotline (570-602-6332)** for last minute changes or follow us on Twitter@wbspbc. The newsletter director thanks all involved with this newsletter for their time and effort.

Meeting Minutes:

By Michelle Alters

The WBSBPC General Meeting was called to order by President , Vicki Silva at 7:33 pm on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the WB Twp. Fire Co. There were 47 members in attendance including all members of the board.

There was a motion made by Deb Charnichko to waive the reading of the Secretary's minutes which was seconded by Mary Kay Yurkavage. A copy of the general meeting minutes was available for review on the back table. All members present were in favor and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Laurie Nealon. A motion to accept the Treasurer's and was made by Tom Thackara and seconded by Doreen Keeler. A copy of the Treasurer's report was available for review. All members present were in favor and the motion was passed.

VP, RoseAnn Foy reported that we had Greg Keeler as our speaker tonight. RoseAnn said she spoke with Brian Coe and he is going to help us with speakers this season as much as he can and hopefully get the new coach to one of our meetings. Brian said he would work on getting us someone for the October meeting.

Kathy Thomas, Corresponding Sect., reported outgoing mail was a Sympathy Card to Karen Harrison on the death of her mother, Irene and a Get Well card to Vicki Silva.

Dan Mensch, Membership Director, reported that there are 79 Adult Members and 20 Youth members for a total of 99 members.

Ray Yakobitis, Newsletter Dir., reported that the newsletter was mailed out to 35 paid members, emailed to 6 paid members with 5 extra copies for the meeting table. One copy was uploaded to our Facebook page and one was uploaded to the Web. Deadline for the October articles is Sept. 20th.

Stew Thomas, Trip Director , reported that the first trip on sale for this season will be for Saturday, November 2nd to Springfield. We will

board the bus at 11:50 AM and depart at noon from the Pittston Park and Ride. We will stop at the City Steam Brewery prior to the game for dinner. We will depart immediately after the game and should return home between 1& 2 AM in the morning. Cost of the trip is \$90 credit card and \$86 cash or check. The second trip to go on sale for the season is for Sunday, December 8th to Hershey. Unfortunately, Tiger Tours is not available to take our trip to Hershey and Stew had to contract with Martz at a higher price. We will board the bus at 2PM at the Pittston Park and Ride and depart immediately after the game. Cost for this trip will be \$70 credit card and \$67 for cash or check. The deadline to sign up for this trip will be 11/6/19 to prevent forfeiting the deposit. The third trip on sale is for the Pittsburgh Penguins vs the NJ Devils game in Newark, NJ on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Due to reservation restrictions we needed to put this trip on sale early. The tickets are in our attack zone in the lower bowl. After the game we will have the opportunity to go down on the ice for a group picture by a professional photographer. Stew mentioned to the rep that it would be nice to get John Hynes in the picture with us and the rep said he cannot promise anything, but will see what he can do. Stew stated that he is contacting some different places for reservations and asked that if he does get one that the people on the trip please honor the reservations and go to that restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$113 credit card and \$108 cash or check. We currently have 22 signed up but will need at least 30 to make the trip happen. All other trips will go on sale as we go on and hopefully next month we can put the Charlotte trip on sale.

Vicki Silva, President , reported that it is great to see so many people here and that means that we have some pre-season games coming up at the end of the month. We are so looking forward to a long and happy season and happy buses going on our trips.

Tom Thackara reported he is still waiting on getting materials for the audit. Vicki Silva mentioned that

in the latest message from Ed Koster is that the last time he was at Wendy's house our books were in the closet in her bedroom. That information was turned over to the authorities.

There were sign up sheets on the back table for anyone interested in making cookies for the Christmas Cookie Committee and for the Volunteer Committee and the Scrapbook Committee.

According to some clubs we spoke to at Convention this year, a few stated that they would be coming down to Wilkes-Barre and will let us know when they come so we can possibly host them.

Kathy Thomas, Media Relations, has uploaded the September newsletter to Facebook and is currently working with Paul Truman to get it uploaded to our web page.

RoseAnn Foy, Luncheon Chair, will discuss the luncheons with Brian Coe and the new coach since Billy Guerin has departed the system.

Lisa Mensch, Scrapbook Chairman, stated that once a roster is decided she will assign players to her committee. In the meantime, there is a sign up sheet for anyone interested in doing a book.

Michelle Alters, Chair of the Welcome Committee, reported that there will be a lot of new faces this year at the mixer and those players will get the duffle bag, blanket and contour pillow along with the snack items we get for the bags. The returning players will get the bag, blanket and pillow along with the battery pack this year and the "veteran" players will receive a charging port to give them extra charging ports while they travel. If anyone would like to donate or if you know of places that would like to donate, please let Michelle know. There was a motion made by Peggy Johnson and seconded by Anne Flasser to approve not exceeding the amount of \$3,000 for the welcome committee bags.

Vicki Silva stated that once a date is decided on by coach she will make the calls for the location and tickets will go on sale for the Meet the Players Mixer.

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Meeting Notes Contd.

Doreen Keeler reported that a book in memory of Irene Harrison will be dropped off at the Taylor Library.

Karen Harrison reported that if anyone had any suggestions or anything needs to be changed in the By-Laws to let her know. Currently, there were only a few typos that have to be fixed. If anyone needs a copy of the By-Laws, please let Karen know.

Kathy Thomas reported that we got a list of 8 jerseys from Brian Coe, we will have the first one on sale in October.

The 2019-20 Booster Club pins are in and are ready to be sold at all home games and meetings. Cost is \$5.00.

We still have some chocolate pucks for sale. Cost is still \$3.00. But it looks like we will need to order some more around Thanksgiving.

Rose Guasto reported that we have changed vendors for this season. With the new vendor we can order single items and are not required to have a minimum of 3 just to place an order. There are a bunch of new items to order from this year. If anyone is interested in ordering, please see Rose.

Kathy Thomas reported that the November daily number tickets are currently on sale. If you are interested in signing some out, please stop at the table to pick some up. The February and April daily number tickets are ready at the printers since we were unsure if they would still be in business.

Lisa Mensch and Karen Holly are doing a great job with the refreshments and we would like to thank them for their hard work. There is a donation jar at the table for anyone who would like to donate since they are purchasing all the products themselves.

Vicki Silva reported that there were 24 BC members that attended the AAHLBBC hosted by the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club in Nashua, NH. Our club had the largest number of member representation there. As we usually do, we sold 3 boxes of the instant bingo tickets, however, this year the money made from 2 of the 3 boxes was required to be put towards the host charity. The money from the first night of Bingo tickets, the 50/50, and raffle basket will be put towards Make-A-Wish for the parade of trees. Everyone who attended had a good time. Next year's convention will be held in Syracuse, NY.

50/50 Raffle: The winner of the 50/50 jackpot of \$54 was **Stephanie Fry**.

Door Prizes:

Lord Torres Baseball Figure: Hope Olander

Yankee Hat: Marie Williamson

Trade Card Strips: Tom Thackara

Mike Bossy (Islanders) Figure: Mike Jennings

Bag of Candy: Stephanie Fry

Bag of Candy: Mary Kay Yurkavage

A motion was made by Kathy Thomas and seconded by Deb Charnichko to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on **Monday, Oct. 14, 2019** at the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Fire Co. All members present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

SPEAKER: **Greg Keeler**

Our speaker for tonight was Greg Keeler who is the music coordinator for the WBS Penguins. Greg and his wife have been married for 18 years and have three wonderful children who all love hockey. Greg is getting ready to start his second season with the organization this year and it was not something he was planning on doing but it just fell into his lap. Greg and his wife have their own DJ business for the last 19 years, so music is a passion for Greg. He loves hockey and music so having this position is a combination of the two things he loves and it's a perfect match. At the beginning of the season Greg will sit down with his boss to discuss theme nights and any pre-game shows for Tux to get them planned out. One of the things he really enjoys is the regular stop in play and he would throw a song on and when it stops, he can still hear people singing the song. At that point he knows that he did his job. Whenever Greg gets a chance, he likes to travel around to other arenas to see how they run their shows and get some different ideas. He is planning a trip to Texas in January to see how they do things there.

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Speaker Cont'd

Greg was asked what happened to the original goal song and asked why they stopped playing it. Greg did not know the answer to that, but he will suggest it to his boss. It was also asked why the music is so loud in the arena and it was explained that there are multiple people up in the booth that really know what they are doing up there but if one of those three are not available it's hard to maintain the levels. Greg stated that he receives the theme nights list at the beginning of the season and he usually waits until two nights before to decide what he is going to play. He really loves when he plays the chant and gets everyone saying "Ref You Suck". We want to take a moment to thank Greg for coming to tonight's meeting and giving us a little insight to the game night music.

Hello fellow Booster Club Members:

The hockey season is almost upon us. Time to get a player to make a scrapbook. We are going to try something different this year. The Booster Club Executive Board took a vote to implement a new procedure to choose your player. There will be two buckets, one will have all the players (+Tux) and the second bucket will have all the club members who want to do a scrapbook. At the October general meeting a member will be picked, then a player will be picked. Whomever is picked that will be your player. Once everyone is picked, I will make a list and if you want to swap with someone and they are willing to swap, you may. Just please let me know who you switch with so I can keep track of the players. **Please do not pressure anyone to swap!!!** If they don't want to swap, then do not pester them. The Booster Club Executive Board has implemented this procedure to insure everyone gets a fair chance to do a player. If you can't make the October meeting, but want to do a scrapbook, please let me know beforehand, and I'll make sure your name is included. If you do not agree with this procedure and would like to drop out of doing a scrapbook you need to let the committee chair know by October 31st. Also, the coaches are not included in this process, but Tux is. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Lisa Mensch (a49ercat@hotmail.com)
Scrapbook Chairman



WBS PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB JERSEY RAFFLE FOR OCTOBER, 2019

Chris Wideman 20 Anniversary Jersey

1 for \$1.00

3 for \$2.00

9 for \$5.00

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**Winner will be drawn at the game
on October 26, 2019**



TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020 SEASON



November 2, 2019

Day trip to Springfield, MA



December 8, 2019

Day trip to Hershey



January 24 to 26, 2020

Weekend trip to Charlotte, NC



February 22 & 23, 2020

Weekend trip to New England



March 10, 2020

Day trip to Newark, NJ to see Pittsburgh Penguins vs. NJ Devils



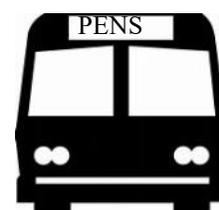
March 14, 2020

Day trip to Hershey (Annual kid's trip)



April 4, 2020

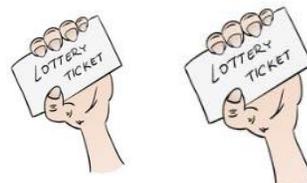
Day trip to Hartford, CT



Welcome Committee:

As you all know it's getting to be that time of year when we work on getting donations for the welcome bags for the Player's Mixer. If you know of any company that would be willing to donate at least 40 items (one for each bag) please contact me at 570-262-1330 and I can forward you a donation letter. Otherwise, I am looking for any kind of donations for the welcome bags. In the past we have had items donated like hand sanitizer, pocket tissues, snack foods, cash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. It's really anything that you may feel that the players can utilize in their travels. I am also looking for any ideas of what to get the players as their special gift this year for their bags. It appears that we are going to have a bunch of new players this year who will get the bag, blanket and pillow, but we need ideas for those returning players. If you have any ideas at all let myself or any board member know. I'd like to thank everyone in advance who donates. The guys really do appreciate everything we do for them.

Thank You,
Michelle Alters, Chair



Just a little reminder to all Booster Club Members. The Daily Number Lottery Tickets for November are available now. If you want to come to sell please contact Kathy Thomas at penguinsfan219@yahoo.com or you may pick some up at the next regular Booster Club Meeting in October. Your assistance in this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!!!!!!

OPENING NIGHT!

Don't forget to come and join us for the 21st year of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey. Starting on **October 12, 2019**. Hope to see you all at the Arena!!!!



Soon it will be that time again!!! Volunteers are needed to do some of the scrapbooks for the team players. If you are interested in doing a Scrapbook for the coming year please get in touch with **Lisa Mensch** either by calling her at **570-466-3508** or you can email her through email at **A49erCat@Hotmail.com** Remember your current membership dues must be paid in full if you are going to do a scrapbook.

It's getting to be that time of the year again time to renew your membership in the WBS Penguins Booster Club. For a mere price of \$15 you will receive 11 months of functions, the newsletter and club meetings where you can get to meet your favorite team players. You can renew anytime starting this month or at the October Booster Club meeting. You can also mail in your dues. If there are any changes to your current membership status (such as address, Children, Grandchildren, etc.) please contact the Membership Director (Dan Mensch) to have these items corrected.

Starting this year you may opt to receive your newsletter in one of three ways: (1) by regular mail; (2) email to your account and (3) Facebook. Please let the Membership Director know which way you would like to receive your newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW!

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"Most of us fall in love and get engaged, but nobody ever gets married. Cold feet!"

Mailbox



INCOMING MAIL INCLUDED:

Newsletters
Renewals
New Memberships

OUTGOING INCLUDED :

Sympathy Card to Brian Coe and his family on the loss of his Father -In-Law.

As you know, due to the size of the Booster Club, greetings are not sent for members' Birthdays, but are noted in the newsletter each month.

All members are asked to contact me or any member of the board with any special or sad occasions within our membership, such as:

- * Weddings
- * Births
- * Illness or injury

Death of a member or their immediate family member (mother, father, grandparent, son, daughter, spouse or siblings, etc.). I can be reached by phone at 570-406-3509 or at Email:

penguinsfan219@yahoo.com

Corresponding Secretary,
Kathy Thomas

Trip Report cont.

before the game. (Food at the arena is extremely expensive). We are currently looking for a restaurant that will accommodate our travelers. Game time at the Provincial Center is 7:00 PM. Immediately following the game we will be taken down on the ice for a group picture. The picture will be taken by a professional photographer and will be e-mailed to me. I can then make it available to all of our travelers who would like a copy **FREE OF CHARGE**. Following the photo we will depart for home. We should arrive back in Pittston no later than 12:30 AM. Cost of the trip is \$113 credit and \$108 if paid by cash or check. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due at sign-up (no later than January 8, 2020). Final balance due by February 7, 2020.

Our first overnight trip will go on sale at the October 14th booster club meeting. We will be traveling to Charlotte, NC on Friday, January 24, 2020 to see two games against the Charlotte Checkers. We will return home on Sunday, January 26th.

LET'S GO PENS Stew



Our Annual Meet the team Mixer will be held on **Monday, October 21, 2019** from 6PM to ??? It will take place at Gus Gennetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre. Price is Adults: \$35 and Children: \$20



October Birthdays



02 Robert Lucchino, Mary Kay Yurkavage
04 Joe Healey
07 Karen Holly
09 Diane Bennett
12 Ann Guasto, Rose Guasto
13 Kathy Haines
14 Keylee Foy
17 Dan Mensch
19 Wallace Boyle
21 Rita Mizenko
22 Karli Emel
23 Sharon Sallitt
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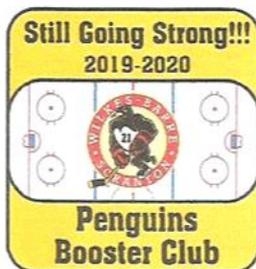
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() New () Renewal

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Birthday (month/day): _____ Home or Cell Phone: () _____

e-mail address: _____

How would you like to receive your newsletter? (circle one): E-mail, Facebook, or Mail

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Would you like to become a Booster Club volunteer? (circle one): Y N

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Birthday (month/day): _____ Home or Cell Phone: () _____

e-mail address: _____

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Are you a Season Ticket Holder? (circle one): Y N

Would you like to become a Booster Club volunteer? (circle one): Y N

Youth Membership (family members under 18 years old): if more than 2 use the back page

1. Name: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yy): _____

2. Name: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yy): _____

Please mail completed application and make checks payable to WBSBPC.
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Wilkes-Barre Twp Fire Hall

Monday

October 14, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled Guest (s):

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Nov 2, 2019 --- Springfield, MA

Dec 8, 2019 --- Hershey, PA

Jan. 24-26, 2020 --- Charlotte, NC

Feb. 22-23, 2020 --- Weekend in New
England

March 10, 2020 --- Newark, NJ (Pitt. Pens vs
NJ Devils)

March 14, 2020 --- Hershey, PA (kids trip)

April 4, 2020 --- Hartford, CT

